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STEEL PLANTS REACH 1950 PRODUCTION LEVEL

PIPE PLANT IMPROVES OPERATIONS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 166, 16 Jul 49

The Nikopol' Southern Pipe Plant has improved its operation through scientific-industrial cooperation. In May 1949, 28.8 percent more pipe was rolled per hour than in January. A new method of heating metal in continuous furnaces made it possible to increase the furnaces' productivity and to save fuel.

A new lubricant was devised for cold drawing pipe. When using the old lubricant, locomotive pipe had to be drawn through two openings in order to avoid breaks. Only one opening is necessary in drawing locomotive pipe with the new lubricant and the quality of pipe is improved. Productivity has been doubled as a result.

PIPE SHOP EXCEEDS 1950 LEVEL -- Pravda, No 197, 16 Jul 49

The pipe-rolling shop of the Taganrog Metallurgical Plant imeni Andreyev had to be completely rebuilt after its destruction by the Germans. Nevertheless, this shop has increased its output 73 percent in comparison with 1940 and 70 percent in comparison with 1947. The Five-Year Plan calls for a 1950 production rate only 4 percent greater than the 1947 production rate.

PLANT COMPLETES HALF-YEAR PLAN -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 136, 15 Jul 49

The Aktyubinsk Ferroalloys Plant (director, V Nakhabin) successfully completed the half-year plan and exceeded in May the average daily production level set for 1950.

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STEELWORKERS PLEDGE INCREASE -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 124, 25 June 1948

Steelworkers of the Petrovsk-Zabaykal'skiy Metallurgical Plant, Zabaykalskiy Oblast, in 1948 achieved the level of steel smelting planned for 1947. This year they have pledged to produce 39 percent more steel than last year for the last year of the Five-Year Plan. Smelting time is being reduced each month. In June, the average melt took 9 hours and one minute, whereas in May it took 9 hours and 13 minutes.

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